

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This letter is responsive to the Office Action dated September 29, 2006. This response is accompanied by request for a one month extension of time. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the response is timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 6-8 as being anticipated by Koester. The Examiner indicated that claims 4, 5, 9 and 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The Examiner is thanked for the assistance during the telephone interview of January 11, 2007. During the interview, the undersigned discussed with the Examiner amending the independent claims to include reference to the grooves that separate the projections (which was present in claim 2) as well as the fact that the grooves extend downwardly (which was present in claim 4). Accordingly, by this response, the applicant has amended each of claims 1 and 6 to specify that the projections are spaced apart by grooves that in use extend downwardly. Accordingly, water which collects on the projections will drain by gravity into the grooves and travel along the grooves to the open ends. As explained in the specification in, for example, paragraph 32, the water may then drain down the moisture strip to the flashing and out.

In view of this amendment to claim 1, the description of the groove has been deleted from claims 2 and 7 and the claimed dependencies of the remaining dependent claims has been amended.

In addition, the applicant has introduced new claims 13-16. Claims 13 and 15 introduce the recess which is on the opposite wall to the wall which is provided with the projections (namely the second wall component contacting face). Claims 14 and 16 specify the position of the apertures on the second wall component contacting face.

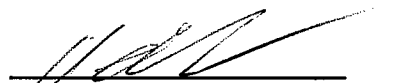
The applicant respectfully submits that each and every one of claims 1-10 and 13-16 are not anticipated by Koester.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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